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Good Morning Elizabeth:

Please support student dissection choice legislation for the State of CT. As a mother and animal rights supporter I strongly believe students should have a choice between animal dissection and a separate educational activity. I've already begun to teach my 2 year old son that animals deserve nothing but kindness and that ours are members of our family. When he's old enough to take Biology classes, which were some of the most interesting when I was in school, I would not want him forced to take part in an activity we don't believe has any value, educational or otherwise. It's an archaic practice that should have been discontinued, especially with the advent of computer simulation technology. Also, in my high school in the mid-1990s there was no dissection because we had plenty of other methods for learning about biology and physiology. At the very least, please give current and future students the right to choose not to dissect animals.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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